

COWBOYS CLEAN UP ON BANDITS

Party from Hearst Ranch Kill Sixteen and
Capture More Villistas in Clash
Forty Miles South of
Madera

FIGHT FOLLOWS THREE DAY CHASE

Killing of Sergeant Furman is Investigated;
Attributed to Carranzistas; Mexicans
Suspected of Selling Poisoned
Food to Americans

By United Press.

Pershing's Headquarters, near Namiquipa—by wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 18.—Twenty-five American cowboys from the Hearst ranch killed sixteen Villista bandits and captured a number of others.

The cowboys surprised the outlaws at a point forty miles south of Madera, according to reports received here.

Alexandra Dominguez and Pedro Castillo were in command of the Villistas and Guadalupe Pineda led the cowboys in a three day march after a band that stole cattle from the Hearst ranch.

The bandits were surprised and were virtually annihilated. Castillo was captured. The captives denied that they were Villistas, but said that they opposed both Americans and the Carranzistas.

Seven Raiders Hanged.

By United Press.

Deming, N. M., May 19.—The seven Villa followers captured after they had taken part in the Columbus raid, and who were sentenced to death by Judge Edward L. Medler here April 23, were hanged at Santa Fe penitentiary today.

At the time they were sentenced, the prisoners pleaded that they were ignorant of where they were going at the time of the raid and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death.

Six of the bandits listened unmoved to the sentence of death, but the seventh, Jose Rangel, who had been wounded in the raid and was carried into court on a cot, cried for mercy.

Charged to Carranzistas.

By United Press.

El Paso, Tex., May 19.—Major Moore's investigating board is expected to report to General Bell conclusive evidence that Sergeant Furman of the Twenty-third Infantry was killed by Carranzistas on Mexican soil and that his body was dragged across the border.

The Mexican version of the killing is that Furman was intoxicated and that he crossed the line and shot at Mexicans before he was fired on.

William McCabe arrived here today and reported that bandits looted the Santo Domingo ranch in Chihuahua and hanged him because he refused to disclose his money. His friends cut him down and revived him, he said.

Food Supplies Poisoned.

By United Press.

Columbus, N. M., May 19.—Ninety prisoners who were captured in the battle at Ojo Azules were released today after being pumped for information.

Truck drivers said Mexicans were suspected of having poisoned food that was sold to the American soldiers south of Casas Grandes.

Some of the soldiers became ill after partaking of the food. Several of the Mexicans were executed, according to reports that are considered doubtful.

To Protect Americans.

Washington, May 18.—While waiting reopening of diplomatic discussions with Carranza and results of the military campaign against outlaws bands the United States government is considering further measures for protection of American interests in Mexico.

Several consuls, from the interior of Mexico, ordered to the border by the state department, have arrived at

El Paso for conferences which are expected to result in recommendations to the department in the interest of American lives and property across the southern boundary. Coincident with the gathering of the consuls the state department partial returns of the census of Americans in Mexico recently ordered, it was stated officially that the American colony at Mexico City now numbers about 2,300. Reports from other points indicate that there may now be less than 3,000 citizens of the United States in Mexico.

The consul's conference between themselves and with General Punston and other military leaders are expected to result in concerted steps to further safeguard Americans and their property. Whether the question of effecting removal of Americans still remaining in the bandit infected regions will be considered was not disclosed here officially.

ROOSEVELT ON ANOTHER RAMPAGE

By United Press.

Detroit, Mich., May 19.—In a speech delivered here today, Theodore Roosevelt lambasted pacifism and scored the administration for what he called "make-believe" preparedness.

Roosevelt declared that only staunch readiness and the policy of democratizing through nationalizing could keep America in the forefront among the nations of the world.

In the course of his speech, the speaker called the governmental representatives at Washington "ninety-six per cent feeble-minded." He demanded a competent head for the navy, an army of a quarter of a million of men and universal military service. In one part of his address Mr. Roosevelt said:

"Let my pacific friends understand that I am advocating preparedness so as to avoid war, and I am advocating preparedness in the work of peace as in military matters. I believe in a thoroughly efficient navy, the second in size in the world. I believe in a small but thoroughly efficient regular army, an arm of 250,000 men, with a proper reserve. This would give us a mobile army of 125,000 men. But back of the regular army and navy must stand the strength of the people themselves, and this strength must be prepared in advance or it will be utterly useless in time of trial."

"I believe in universal service based on universal training. I believe in this because I think it will be not only of incalculable benefit to the nation in the event of war, but of incalculable benefit to the individuals undergoing it, and therefore to the nation, as regards the work of peace. I believe that the dog-tent would prove a most effective agent for democratizing and nationalizing our life; quite as much so as the public school, and far more so than the American factory and the American city as they are today. Preparedness through universal service would turn out to be the best possible school of practical civics. In such a school all men who are Americans in spirit would get together and learn to work together, so as to insure co-operation among our people in social and industrial life. Such co-operation will secure not merely liberty and opportunity, but also the sense of obligation—which is just as important as the other two."

BIG GATHERING OF ODD

FELLOWS HELD AT MINCO

Members of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs at Minco held a big meeting last night, with an estimated attendance of 250. A short session of the lodge was held but for the most part it was a social occasion, with an abundance of good "eats" in evidence. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. Morgan, Frey and Sanders of Minco and Judge R. E. Davenport of this city.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Saturday, fair, warmer.

Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:

Maximum, 63; minimum, 49.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES ARE HELD

High School Auditorium Again Packed
Friends and Relatives of Seniors
Gather and are Entertained
with Interesting Program

PAST AND FUTURE OF GRADS PORTRAYED

Miss Cochran Gives Salutatory; Wallace
Thompson, Historian; Norman Duncan,
Poet; Valedictory Address is
by Miss Coryell

Again, last night, was the auditorium of the Chickasha high school filled to its utmost capacity, this time with relatives, friends and admirers of the seniors of 1916, who held their class exercises. Baskets of flowers decorated the rostrum, whereon the seniors, in caps and gowns, sat with Superintendent Ramey. Miss Marjorie Dwyer, the class president, presided, announcing the numbers on the program. Miss Marjorie Cochran, the salutatorian, delivered a pretty and appropriate welcome to the audience, her address being followed by a well rendered number by a quartette, "Do Not Mind Your Sorrows." Composing the quartette were Miss Zella Stoddard, Miss Lucile Westfall, Arthur Griffith and Louie Gardner.

The class history was next given by Wallace Thompson. The speaker had taken considerable trouble to prepare an authentic account of the salient facts in the lives of the forty-one members of the class and in his interesting summary brought out especially their educational history. He stated that twenty of the class had started to school in Chickasha, ten of them starting with Miss Morey, now Mrs. Edgar Cowan. Only three of the seniors, Misses Lois Horn, Grace Hatfield and Ada Hudgins were born in Chickasha, and only eight in Oklahoma. The largest number from any one state was thirteen, and they were from Texas. One member, Miss Mary Eppler, came from Strassburg, Germany.

The class poem was delivered by the author, Norman Duncan, and was a creditable production, indeed. The class will, phrased in legal terminology, was then read from a roll of parchment by Arthur Griffith.

The cremation services followed, and the burning of text books in a huge black urn was quite a spectacular scene. The students recited appropriate verses as they threw their books into the blaze. Miss Nellie Wendt, the class prophet, then held a book of blank pages over the flames, and read what the fancies of the fire wrote thereon concerning the futures of her class mates.

The valedictory was delivered by Miss Martha Grace Coryell, the youngest member of the class, in an earnest and sincere manner. In closing she plucked the petals from a cluster of pansies which she held as she said farewell to the underclassmen, the faculty, the school board, Mr. Ramey and her senior classmates.

The class song, composed by Misses Alberta Smith and Claire Woodson, and sung by the senior body, was the final number on the evening's program.

PAYMENT APPROVED

According to a telegram from Congressman Scott Ferris to the Express, received last yesterday afternoon, the members of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes and other Oklahoma Indians, will soon get their per capita payment.

The message from Mr. Ferris was as follows: "The president signed the bill carrying payments to the Chickasaws, Choctaws, Kiowas and Comanches. The payment to the former will be made shortly after the first of July."

PATRAS, THE MOST IMPORTANT HARBOR OF GREECE



Since the occupation of Saloniki by the allies, Patras has become the most important port of Greece. Part of the city and harbor are shown in the photograph.

LOCAL CLAN LOSES BUT FARES FINE

El Reno Golf Players Trim Chickasha
Contingent but Bind Up Wounds of
Vanquished with Oil of Gen-
erous Hospitality

As an incidental feature of the occasion, there was a golf tournament in which Chickasha was trimmed but the "big show" at El Reno yesterday was the entertainment which the El Reno folks gave their guests. At least that is the way the members of the Chickasha contingent were telling it and talking about it today and they couldn't find superlatives strong enough to express their approval of the hospitality that was accorded them at the Canadian county capital.

Judging from reports, the El Reno Country club fellows simply threw the throttle wide open and "busted" the speed limit into smithereens in their efforts to show their Chickasha visitors a good time. If there could have been any bitterness in defeat at the hands of so generous a foe, the cordial treatment that was meted out to the vanquished removed the last vestige of it, leaving nothing but unmitigated sweetness.

The Chickasha people were met at the train by a committee and were escorted to the Southern hotel where a fine dinner was served to them. Cars then conveyed them to the Country club and while the men fought merrily back and forth over the links the ladies were entertained at an auction bridge party. After the match an elaborate picnic luncheon was served on the lawn of the club house and when the party returned to town for the evening, they were taken to the Elks club to enjoy a delightful dance till train time.

The final score in the match stood 32 to 25 in favor of El Reno. A return match will be played here on Wednesday, June 14, and it is hinted that the Chickasha crowd will make some strenuous efforts to duplicate the hospitable conduct of El Reno. The Chickasha players who won their matches were the following:

D. M. Cavanaugh, 3; H. A. Ludlow, 3; Jno. Gribb, 3; W. T. Phillips, 3; J. W. Richburg, 3; L. C. Hutson, 3; R. B. Barefoot, 3; F. L. Slusher, 1; Dick Wooten, 2; Alger Melton, 1.

MUST PAY LICENSES

If you are engaged in any business for which a city license is required, you'd better call on City Clerk Reynolds at once and liquidate unless you want to get into trouble.

So decrees Mayor Coffman, who today announced that all licenses must be paid on or before June 1, as required by law. Pool halls, dray wagons, picture shows, street stands and several other lines of business are covered by the law.

"It should be understood," said the

HUGHES IS ON BALLOT IN OREGON

Request to Be Left Off is Disregarded;
Cummins and Burton Also in Run-
ning; Wilson is Only Demo-
cratic Candidate

Portland, Ore., May 19.—A three-cornered race between Senator Cummins, Theodore E. Burton and Justice Hughes for the Republican nomination for president featured Oregon's presidential preference primary today. Early reports indicated a large vote.

Most of the candidates for delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions have agreed to abide by today's preferential vote. Ten delegates to each convention will go from Oregon.

Woodrow Wilson is the only Democratic candidate for president. Vice-President Marshall and Governor Majors of Missouri oppose each other for the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

Cummins and Burton have been active candidates.

Charles E. Hughes is a candidate against his own wishes. He wrote to Secretary of State Olcott asking that his name be left off the ballot. Despite his request, Hughes' supporters filed a petition signed by 1,200 voters demanding that his name be put on the ballot. Olcott declined to remove his name. Hughes telegraphed again that he did not want his name on the ballot. But there it is.

The Oregon supreme court decided that Hughes has nothing to say about it. If enough people want him in the White House, he must run. A writ of mandamus was issued commanding Olcott to print Hughes' name. A strong element among Oregon Republicans favors Hughes.

Yes, there was a fourth Republican presidential candidate. His name is Charles E. Lockwood and he styled himself, on the ballot, "Oregon's favorite son." He lives in Portland. He withdrew in favor of Hughes.

James Inman of Looking Glass, Ore., abandoned his usual custom of filing for the Republican presidential nomination.

C. N. McArthur (Incumbent), E. V. Littlefield, and A. W. Lafferty (representative) are opponents for the Republican nomination for representative in congress from the Third district. Representative W. C. Hawley and N. J. Sinsott from the First and Second districts have no opponents.

\$50 AND 30 DAYS

Fred Warner appeared before Judge Davenport yesterday and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

PEACE DOVE IS SIGHTED BY BERLIN

Feeling in German Capital Time Approaches
for Effective Neutral Move; French
Minister Says Teutons Must
Make Reparation

CYMRIC SUNK BY BOILER EXPLOSION

Washington Not Informed of Fate of Con-
demned American; Probe of Rebell-
ion Proceeds; Italians Hold-
ing Back Austrians

By United Press.

Berlin, May 19.—There is a strong feeling here that if some power, such as the United States, undertook to negotiate peace among the belligerents, the effort might succeed.

Diplomatic circles regard the recent statements of President Poincare of France and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, as the opening gun in the informal discussion of peace proposals.

The foregoing statement is the strongest reference to peace rumors that has yet been permitted to pass over the wires by the censors.

French Not Favorable.

By United Press.

Petrograd, May 19.—French Minister of Justice Viviani, the ex-premier, stated today that the allies were thoroughly united and would not make peace until Germany was forced to make reparation for her misdeeds.

Cymric Not Subbed.

By United Press.

Berlin, May 19.—A member of the crew of the steamer Cymric who arrived at Amsterdam said a boiler explosion, not a torpedo, sank the vessel.

No Word About Lynch.

By United Press.

Amsterdam, May 19.—The state department had no definite word today concerning the fate of Jeremiah Lynch, the American citizen who was reported to have been condemned as one of the leaders in the Irish rebellion. One message was received but was not made clear whether further inquiry was planned.

Inquiry Continues.

By United Press.

London, May 19.—Augustine Birrell, former chief secretary for Ireland, testified today before the royal commission inquiring into the Irish rebellion that he asked Kitchener to send troops to Ireland before the outbreak but Kitchener refused because no troops were available.

The Italians in southern Tyrol now are tenaciously holding back the Austrians from further inroads into their positions. In the Ledro valley, southwest of Trent, and in Lagarina valley, south of the city, the Austrians, after heavy artillery preparation, threw vicious attacks against the Italian lines, but all were repulsed with heavy casualties, according to Rome.

Five attacks were made on Zeg-natoria, the same number as were made Wednesday, and again all of them were stopped with sanguinary losses.

In the Adamello zone, west of Trent, where previous gains have been made by the Italians, King Victor Emmanuel's men have occupied additional territory in the Sarca river region and in the Montafone region near the head of the Gulf of Triest have recaptured trenches taken from them by the Austrians last Monday.

Another ineffectual attempt has been made by the Germans against the French positions in the Avocourt wood and on hill 304, northwest of Verdun. Paris reports that a strong attack here was put down by the French guns and that the Germans appear to have suffered severe losses.

On the remainder of the front in France and Belgium, aside from an unsuccessful German infantry attack against the Belgians north of Steenstraete, there have been only bombardments.

DEATH OF WOMAN NATURAL

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict; Faithful
Dog Stands Guard Over Body of
Mistress After Spark of
Life is Gone

At the inquest, relative to the sudden death of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Skaggs, held before Justice Fuller yesterday afternoon, the coroner's jury rendered a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death from natural causes.

Mr. Moore, a neighboring farmer, living on Mrs. Skaggs' place, was the first witness called. He stated that he went to Mrs. Skaggs' house for some corn about 8 o'clock Thursday morning; that she was not there and he stepped to the corn patch about 100 yards west of the house, where he found her dead. He said he had seen her working there about 4 p. m. the day before, and had seen no one around the place since that time. He then brought Ed Klager, another neighbor there, and they called the officers.

Klager's testimony was essentially the same. Both men agreed that all indications showed that Mrs. Skaggs had lain there all night. There were no tracks near the body, which was lying partly on top of the hoe. An interesting bit of testimony offered was that Mrs. Skaggs' collar was found lying near her mistress, protecting her to the last.

Dr. White, acting county health officer, the only other witness called, stated that he had examined the body, that there were dark spots around the heart, indicating clots of blood, and that it was his belief that she died of heart trouble.

The coroner's jury was composed of R. T. Denbo, H. I. Miller, S. D. McGraham, R. E. Day, and W. M. Gorden.

Funeral services were held at ten o'clock this morning from Schow's undertaking parlors and the remains were interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

BUILDING BILLS ARE REPORTED

By United Press.

Washington, May 19.—The sundry civil bill, carrying appropriations totaling 127,000,000, was reported in the house today. It provides for postoffices and makes appropriations for Texas towns as follows: Belton, \$23,000; Brenham, \$15,000; El Paso, \$100,000. Durant, Okla., gets \$5,000 and Oklahoma City \$49,000.

In some of the cities the appropriations are for sites and in others for continuation work and equipment. For Panama canal fortifications the bill provides four and a half millions.